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SUBJECT: ARMORING MATERIALS

REF: A. BANGKOK 25631, B. SY OFFICE LETTER D-78/14 DATED
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1. PER REFTEL REQUEST FOR COST AND AVAILABILITY OF "DUPONT KEVLAR FLEXIBLE FABRIC ARMOR," THE DUPONT CO. WAS CONTACTED CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF MANUFACTURERS OF THE FABRIC (DUPONT MAKES THE YARN). THERE ARE THREE COMPANIES WHICH MAKE KEVLAR - J.P. STEVENS, INC., N.Y., N.Y.; BURLINGTON INDUSTRIES, ROCKLEIGH, N.J. AND CLARKE-SCHWEBEL CO., WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. WHEN ASKED THE PRICE PER SQUARE FOOT AND AVAILABILITY OF KEVLAR ALL THREE COMPANIES STATED THAT THEY COULD NOT ANSWER THE QUESTION WITHOUT FURTHER INFOR-
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MATION. ALSO, KEVLAR IS SOLD BY THE YARD. EACH COMPANY STATED THAT "KEVLAR 29" IS USUALLY SOLD TO COMPANIES WHICH MAKE PROTECTIVE APPAREL AND THAT "KEVLAR 49" IS PURCHASED BY MANUFACTURERS OF ARMORED VEHICLES. THE KEVLAR 49 IS GENERALLY NOT USED BY ITSELF BUT IS MOLDED WITH OTHER MATERIALS.

2. IT IS ALSO APPARENT THAT THE MANNER IN WHICH THE KEVLAR IS INSTALLED HAS A BEARING ON IT'S PROTECTIVE CAPABILITIES.

3. AS THERE SEEMS TO BE NO SIMPLE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION POSED IN REFTTEL, THE DUPONT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FOR KEVLAR WAS CONTACTED; PAUL LANGSTON AND JOE ROBERTSON OF THAT OFFICE STATED THAT THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL DATA PROVIDED THAT THEY HAD THE NECESSARY FACTS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION.

4. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE THAI GOVERNMENT, THROUGH ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, CONTACT THE DUPONT REPRESENTATIVES LISTED ABOVE AND AFTER ASCERTAINING THE MATERIALS NEEDED INITIATE PROCUREMENT ACTION THROUGH THEIR OWN CHANNELS.

5. FYI, REF B IS QUOTED IN PART AS FOLLOWS: REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS ARE EXPECTED TO DEFLECT SUCH REQUESTS FROM HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THE PREFERRED COURSE OF ACTION IS TO SUGGEST THAT REQUESTS BE FORWARDED THROUGH APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT CHANNELS DIRECTLY TO THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WHICH MAY THEN ARRANGE FOR PURCHASE AND EXPORT PERMITS. END QUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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